Poulton-le-Fylde Urban District Council

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THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR 1969

POULTON-LE-FYLDE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

HEALTH COMMITTEE 1969

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Chairman

Councillor H.W.Rogers

Vice Chairman

Councillor B.L.MacGregor

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Councillors:

H.W.Rogers	Chairman of the Council (To May 1969)
L.W.Davies	Chairman of the Council (From May 1969)
H.Ashworth	Vice Chairman of the Council
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C.F.Stebbing	
W.Gibson	
J.E.Gorst	
D.J.Gleeson	(To August 1969)
J.Spencer	(To May 1969)
J.Taylor	
R.W.Baron	(From May 1969)
F.Gorton	(August to October 1969)
E.Cookson	(From October 1969)

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF

Medical Officer of Health	J.E.Morris B.Sc. M.B. B.Ch. D.P.H. D.C.H. D.I.H. Divisional Medical Officer of Health Divisional Health Offices, 29,Station Road, Kirkham. Tel: Kirkham 2138
Deputy Medical Officer of Health	E.A.R.Berkley (to August 31st.) T.D. M.T.C.S. L.R.C.P. E.J.Hunt (from September) M.B. B.S. D.P.H.
Public Health Inspector	E.L. Cobb Cert. P.H.I.E.B. Certified Meat and Food Inspector
Pestologist/ Rodent Control Operator	A.H.Howard
Administrative Assistants	Miss J.E.Mullins (to July) For the remainder of the year, great difficulty was experienced in securing suitable staff. Several temporary appointments were made.

M E D I C A L O F F I C E R ' S R E P O R T

Public Health Department,
Queensway,
Poulton-le-Fylde.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the health of the Urban District for the year 1969. The health of the area remained satisfactory during the year, and there were no major outbreaks of infectious illnesses.

My thanks are again due to my colleagues on the staff of the Council for their loyalty and assistance. I would also wish to express my appreciation to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for the encouragement and support afforded to me.

Yours faithfully,

J.E.Morris,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS

Poulton-le-Fylde is bounded on the north by Thornton Cleveleys Urban District, on the east and south by the parishes of Singleton and Hardhorn-with-Newton, and on the west by Blackpool County Borough.

The Council of the district is formed by three representatives from each of the five wards which are:- Poulton North, Poulton West, Poulton East, Carleton and Hardhorn.

The district is principally residential in character. Employment is provided by the Imperial Chemical Industries, the building trades, agriculture and the several light industrial estates.

Estimated population for mid 1969...	16,150
Population (1961 Census)	12,760
Number of inhabited houses, according to the Rate Book at the end of 1969.	6.074
Area of district in acres	2,270
Rateable value	£662,442
Sum represented by a penny rate	£2,630

BIRTHS

226 births were registered during the year, 111 males and 115 females. The birth rate was 13.9 per 1,000 population. There were 9 illegitimate births and 2 stillbirths.

Births and Birth Rates of Recent Years

Year	Rate	No. of Births
1965	16.2	241
1966	16.5	248
1967	16.2	245
1968	14.7	236
1969	13.9	226

Infantile Mortality Rate

	Poulton-le-Fylde	England & Wales
Infant Mortality Rate	22.0	18.0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate.....	13.0	12.0
Stillbirth Rate.....	9.0	13.0
Maternal Mortality Rate.....	Nil	0.19

DEATHS

Males	Females	Total
95	99	194

The crude death rate was 12 per 1,000 population
The adjusted death rate was 11.5 per 1,000 population

Deaths and Death Rates of Recent Years

Year	Rate	No. of Deaths
1965	12.2	185
1966	12.7	193
1967	13.9	212
1968	11.0	189
1969	12.0	194

Age Groups

The table shows the arrangements of deaths in the age groups

Age group	Males	Females	Total
Under 1 year	2	3	5
1 - 5	-	1	1
6 - 15	-	1	1
16 - 25	1	-	1
26 - 35	1	-	1
36 - 45	4	2	6
46 - 55	2	3	5
56 - 65	21	15	36
66 - 75	38	28	66
76 and over	26	46	72
Total	95	99	194

CAUSES OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases.. ...	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, oseophagus	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach...	4	3	7
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	3	6	9
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	8	2	10
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	12	12
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	1	-	1
Other malignant neoplasms	4	9	13
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	1	1	2
Hypertensive disease	-	3	3
Ischaemic heart disease	28	12	40
Other forms of heart disease	7	3	10
Cerebrovascular disease..	12	23	35
Other circulatory diseases	2	4	6
Diabetes Mellitus	1	-	1
Other endocrine etc.diseases	-	1	1
Anaemias	-	1	1
Meningitis	1	-	1
Influenza	1	-	1
Pneumonia	3	1	4
Bronchitis & Emphysema...	7	-	7
Asthma	1	-	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	2	3
Intestinal obstruction and Hernia	1	-	1
Other diseases of digestive system	-	2	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Congenital anomalies	-	2	2
Birth injury, difficult labour etc., ...	1	-	1
Other cases of perinatal mortality	-	1	1
Motor vehicle accidents	1	2	3
All other accidents	3	5	8
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	1	2
Total all causes	95	99	194

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There were 79 cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year as follows: during the year 1968, 170 cases were notified.

	Total Cases Notified
Measles.....	26
Infective Hepatitis.....	1
Viral Meningitis.....	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis....	4
Scarlet Fever.....	9
Food Poisoning.....	7
Dysentery.....	31

TABLE OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1969

Notifiable Disease	Total cases at all ages	Age Periods - Years									
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-25	Over 25	Age unknown
Measles	26	1	-	4	6	2	12	1	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Viral Meningitis	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Scarlet Fever	9	-	-	-	1	1	3	4	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	7	-	-	-	1	1	3	-	-	2	-
Dysentery	31	2	2	1	3	1	6	1	1	14	-
Total	79	3	2	5	11	6	24	6	1	21	-

Monthly Table of Infectious Diseases

Month	Measles		Infective Hepatitis		Viral Meningitis		Food Poisoning		Scarlet Fever		Dysentery		Tuberculosis		Total	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
January	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	8	11	-	-	11	12
February	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	1	-	11	8
March	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
April	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	5	2
May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
July	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
September	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
October	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	4	2
November	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
December	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	2	2

Food Poisoning

Cases	No. of deaths	Whether investigated	Causal Organism	Vehicle of Infection	Origin	Observations
1	-	Yes	Salmonella Panama	Unknown	Unknown	? Holiday in Majorca
1	-	Yes	Salmonella Typhimurium	Unknown	Unknown	-
5	-	Yes	Salmonella Heidelberg	Unknown	Unknown	? carrier in family

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	107	110	217
Illegitimate	4	5	9
	111	115	226
Crude rate per 1,000 population ...			13.9
Adjusted rate per 1,000 population ...			13.8
Illegitimate live births, % of total live births			4%
Deaths (all causes)			
Number registered	95	99	194
Crude rate per 1,000 population... ...			12.0
Adjusted rate per 1,000 population ...			11.5
Stillbirths			
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	1	1	2
Rate per 1,000 total births			9.0
Maternal Mortality			
Number of deaths registered			Nil
Rate per 1,000 total births			Nil
Infant Mortality (deaths under 1 year) ...			
Legitimate	2	3	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	2	3	5
Rate per 1,000 live births...			23.0
Neo-natal (deaths under 4 years)			
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	1	2	3
Rate per 1,000 live births...			13.0
Early neo-natal (deaths under 1 week)			
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	1	1	2
Rate per 1,000 live births...			9.0
Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total births			18.0

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The Lancashire County Council adminsters the anbulance service.

The nearest ambulance station is at Thornton, and ambulances for Poulton-le-Fylde are obtained from this station, or Fleetwood.

At Thornton three ambulances and two duel-purpose vehicles are on call; an. ambulance and two duel-purpose vehicles are available at Fleetwood.

The service is maintained on a 24 hour basis at Thornton, and from 8.00a.m. to 12.00 p.m. at Fleetwood.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 - SECTION 47

There were no persons removed to hospital or other institutions as allowed for by the compulsary powers of the above Act.

HOSPITALS

There is no hospital situated in the district.

General cases are admitted to Blackpool Victoria and Wesham Park Hospitals under the control of the Blackpool and Fylde Hospital Management Committee.

The Devonshire Road Hospital, Blackpool, is used for infectious disease cases; tuberculosis cases use the Elswick Sanatorium, and smallpox cases go to the Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital, near Bury, which is under the management of the Manchester Regional Hospital Board.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Facilities for the examination of material in suspected cases of diptheria, dysentery, typhoid fever, tuberculosis, food poisoning etc., are available to all Medical Practitioners, at the public Health Laboratory, Preston, and Blackpool Victoria Hospital, and a full use is made of these facilities by this Department.

MEDICAL STAFF OF THE CLINIC

Dr.J.L.T.Graham (to May 1969) Dr.A.D.Hickman	Assistant Divisional Medical Officer Lancashire County Council
Mrs.R.Bevan	Health Visitor and School Nurse
Miss L.Gilbert	Health Visitor and School Nurse
Mrs.H.Cook	Health Visitor and School Nurse
Mrs.J.Goodwin	Health Visitor and School Nurse
Mrs.M.A.Dubbeling	Health Visitor and School Nurse
Mrs.J.H.Mallandaine, 30,Moorway, Poulton-le-Fylde. Tel: Poulton 3528	Midwife
Miss J.Greaves, 22,Carr Close, Poulton-le-Fylde. Tel: Poulton 4911	Midwife
Mrs.R.A.Ronson, 18,Fylde Road, Poulton-le-Fylde Tel: Poulton 2529	District Nurse
Miss M. Beswick 27,Wembley Avenue, Poulton-le-Fylde. Tel: Poulton 2986	District Nurse
Miss M.W.Lawson	Tuberculosis Health Visitor
Mr.E.D.Wyatt	Chiropodist
Mr.H.H.Bayley	Dentist

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE IN POULTON-LE-FYLDE

The School and Child Welfare Clinic in Princess Avenue, Poulton-le-Fylde provided the following services at the times shown.

Clinic	Times
Antenatal	Tuesday from 1.30 p.m.
Antenatal Relaxation Classes	Friday 10.00 a.m. & 11.15 a.m.
Child Welfare	Wednesday 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon, and 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.
Chiropody - Old Age pensioners, Expectant and Nursing Mothers & Physically Handicapped.	Monday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon and 1.30 - 4.30 p.m.
(This Clinic was held at Queensway in the Methodist Church from 23/6/69.)	
Dental (From June 1969, held at Thornton School Clinic during adaptation to Poulton Clinic)	Tuesday and Thursday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon, and 2.00 - 4.30 pm. Friday 2.00 - 4.30 p.m.
School Clinic by appointment	Thursday 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon.
Speech Therapy	Tuesday 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon. Thursday 2.00 - 4.00p.m.
Audiology Clinic	2nd. Monday in month 1.30 - 3.30 p.m

In addition, on alternate Monday afternoons, a Child Welfare Clinic is held between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. at the Carleton Memorial Centre, Staining and Singleton.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

Population

16,150

An increase of 100 on the Population figure of 1968

Acreage

2,270 statutory acres

Housing

Number of new houses, flats and bungalows erected ...	58
Number of inhabited houses	6,074
Rateable Value	£662,442
Sum represented by penny rate	£2.630

Births and Mortality Rates

Number of Births	226
Birth rate per 1,000 population...	13.9
Birth rate for England & Wales per 1,000 population...	16.3
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 population	22.0
Maternal mortality rate	Nil

Deaths

Number of deaths	194
Death rate per 1,000 population...	12.0
Death rate for England & Wales per 1,000 population...	11.9

Infectious Diseases

79 cases of Infectious Diseases were notified

Sewerage

Continuous readings of the flow of sewerage discharged into the River Wyre are taken.

Public Health Department,

Queensway,

Poulton-le-Fylde,

Lancashire.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector
for the year of 1962

During the year, the Department was able to carry on the routine work of inspecting Offices and Shops and Food Premises, and was pleased to note that a large amount of work had been carried out in conjunction with initial visits to comply with the appropriate leglisation. There was an overall improvement in connection with facilities, repair and cleanliness both in the Offices and Shop premises and the Food premises, although, in the older type town centre shop, there is a general difficulty of modernisation and facility provision.

The Department dealt with two houses in the district which were classed as filthy and unwholesome, and in one particular case, two and a half days were spent on removing approximately thirteen wagon loads of refuse. In both cases the cost of removal was borne by the Health Committee as the house contents were deemed as being filthy. These are always distressing cases but as experienced in the past, very little opposition has been received from the occupant against the Department's action, once under way.

During the summer, the town centre slaughterhouse known as Cockpit Yard Slaughterhouse had its Slaughterhouse Licence revoked in the local Magistrate's Court, due to the non-compliance with the Slaughterhouse Hygiene Regulations, and it must be realised that where old buildings are used as food premises and as a slaughterhouse in particular, there must be a routine repair maintenance and decoration of the internal structure throughout the year.

Meat Inspection at the local slaughterhouse involves weekend work, and at the present time, the Department has been generally involved in early evening inspections due to the responsibility of being present during the slaughter of animals and for the immediate inspection of carcases and offal. No hours have been fixed by the Council for regular hours of slaughter.

The Poultry Slaughterhouses in the district now receive routine visits for the purpose of carcase inspection and food hygiene in general, with the result that a large quantity of unsound and diseased birds have been rejected as unfit for human consumption, and proper hygiene precautions in connection with Poultry Dressing are kept under strict observation.

The internal structure, decorations and facilities have greatly improved since the initial visit of the department, and these businesses that one could class as a 'back yard business' are now run on satisfactory hygienic standards.

A total of 1,927 visits were carried out during the year involving all aspects of Public Health work.

In conclusion, I wish to accord my thanks to the Chairman of the Health Committee, and the Council for the co-operation I have received from them during the year.

Yours faithfully,

Edward L.Cobb,

Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA

Water

The Fylde Water Board, of which Poulton-le-Fylde is a constituent authority, provides a plentiful and excellent supply of water, being pleasantly soft and of a peaty nature, from their gathering grounds at Grisedale and Stocks.

The following details of samples of mains water taken by the Fylde Water Board are:-

Number of samples taken.....	26
Number free from Coliform organisms	26
% satisfactory	100

Aerobic micro-organisms growing in Yeastral Agar

Number of Colonies per ml. of sample:-

In 2 days at 37°C.	Nil
In 3 days at 22°C.	1

At 31st.December 1969, a total of 6,074 dwellings in Poulton-le-Fylde were supplied with water by the Fylde Water Board.

Sanitary Accomodation

The following shows the numbers and types of the various sanitary arrangements in the district at 31st.December, 1969, and those for the previous year.

	1968	1969
Water closets.....	6,210	6,212
Pail closets	1	1
Privies	-	-
Dry ashpits	-	-
Waste water closets	-	-

TYPICAL CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF THE WATER SUPPLY IN THE AREA

	Winter	Summer
Appearance	Clear & Bright	Clear & Bright
Colour (Hazen p.p.m.Pt)	5	4
Turbidity (p.p.m. Silica)	Nil	Nil
Odour	Nil	Nil
Taste	Normal	Normal
Reaction pH Value	7.8	7.6
	p.p.m.	
Residual Chlorine	0.10	0.10
Free & Saline Ammonia as N_2	0.08	0.05
Albuminoid Ammonia as N_2	0.05	0.02
Nitrous Nitrogen as N_2	-	-
Nitric Nitrogen as N_2	0.54	0.43
Oxygen absorbed 4 hrs @ 27oC	0.45	0.27
Free Acidity as CO_2	-	-
Carbonate Hardness as $CaCO_3$	10	89
Total Hardness as $CaCO_3$	30	106
Non-Carbonate Hardness as $CaCO_3$	20	17
Excess Alkalinity as Na_2CO_3	Nil	Nil
Calcium as $CaCO_3$	21	88
Magnesium as $CaCO_3$	9	18
Total Solids dried at 180°C	70	168
Chloride as Cl	11	22
Sulphate as SO_4	24	23
Lead as Pb	- less than 0.05-	
Manganese as Mn	0.02	0.05
Copper as Cu	-	-
Iron as Fe	0.03	0.05
Aluminium as Al	0.05	0.04
Fluoride as F	- less than 0.10 -	

WORK COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR

Public Health Works completed (excluding Food Hygiene/ Offices, Shops, and Railway Premises)

Unwholesome premises cleaned of refuse etc.	2
Drainage repairs	7
Sewer connections	2
Renewal of sink waste pipe	1
Guttering and waste pipes replaced	3
Additional drainage	1
Replastering of walls (rising/penetrating dampness	9
Roof repairs	8
Wall pointing	1

Housing Repairs

Replastering of walls (rising/penetrating dampness	6
Rendering/Pointing to external brickwork	4
Flagged Floors replaced	1
Defective Wall/Ceiling plaster replaced	2
Roofs repaired	2
External brickwork replaced	1
Additional sanitary accomodation	3

Public Health / Housing Inspections etc.

Number of visits (all purposes)	1,927
Number of premises visited	409
Number of defects or nuisances discovered	18
Number of defects or nuisances abated	16
Number of informal notices served	10
Number of Statutory notices served	5
Number of complaints received and investigated	181

	No. of visits	No. of defects found	No. of defects remedied
Food Hygiene (General) Regulations	95	excluding 1st.Aid & cleanliness 30	24
Slaughterhouse Hygiene Regulations	33	11	6
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	117	146	104
Factories Act	48	5	5

SUMMARY OF VISITS

Slaughterhouse visits (meat inspection & hygiene inspections...	746

Housing Acts

Visits re Housing inspections/Repairs completed	69
Visits re Standard Grants	45
Visits re Applications for Council house tenancies...	68
Visits re Council houses, defects, breach of tenancy conditions	24
Miscellaneous	40

Public Health Acts 1936-61

Complaints investigated	81
Visits re defective drainage	76
Visits re housing repairs	60
Visits re unwholesome premises	29
Visits re offensive smells	16
Visits re Swimming Pool	2
Miscellaneous	69
Food Hygiene Regulations	95
Milk & Dairies Regulations	3
Visits re Infectious Diseases	145
Visits re Unsound Foodstuffs	38
Visits re Rodent and Insect pests	54
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act (Initial visits and revisits ...	117
Visits re Factories Act	48
Visits re Caravan Sites & Control of Developement Act	31
Visits re Clean Air Act	22
Visits re Public Conveniences	25
Visits re Animals Boarding Establishments	2
Miscellaneous complaints investigated	22
Total	1,927

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1963

This Act, requiring the registration of premises used for boarding animals, was applied to two establishments, one is used for dogs and cats, and the other for cats only. Both premises comply with the Council's requirements, the animals receive good individual attention, and the hygiene is good.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There is one small privately owned bath in the district, which is open to the general public. A simple tube filtration is in operation, and the chlorination is done by hand.

A childrens' paddling pool is also in the district, to which a sterilizing agent is added each time the pool is emptied and refilled. Samples of the water were taken, all of which proved to be satisfactory.

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT. 1964

Two certificates of registration are in existence in respect of the above Act.

GAME ACT 1831

Two licences under the above Act were renewed during the year, enabling the holder to deal in game at their premises.

RAG, FLOCK & OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT. 1951

There are no premises in the district requiring registration under the above Act.

PET ANIMALS ACT 1951

There are no premises in the district requiring registration under the above Act.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The cleansing service is under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor who supplied the following information.

Collection of Refuse

This was effected by means of two covered vehicles, working full time.

Disposal

Domestic refuse was deposited on an area of reclaimed land behind an embankment at Skippool Marsh. During 1969, approximately 6,500 dustbins were emptied every week.

Details of Service

Total number of moveable dustbins	7,796
Weight of refuse collected	6,280 tons.
Total number of bins emptied	366,388
Cost of collection and disposal.....	£15,558 13s. 5d.
Weight of salvage sold	171tons.18cwt.2qrs.
Value	£1,461 7s. 4d.
Cost of baling	£1,239 19s.6d.

Road Sweeping

The council's workmen swept 1,842.14 miles of highway during the year. A mechanical sweeper (suction cleaner) was in operation.

INSPECTIONS

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1.2.3.4.and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	8	4	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	49	7	1	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority(excluding outworkers' premises)	2	705 (Slaughterhouse visits)	2	-
Total	53	720	7	-

Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred		No. of Prosecutions
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature ...	1	1	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation ...	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage to floors	1	1	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Other offences... ...	1	1	-	-	-
Total	5	5	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

	Offices	Retail Shops	Wholesale Shops Warehouses	Catering Establishments open to the Public, Canteens	Fuel Storage Depots
No. of registered premises at the end of the year	24	79	1	11	2
No. of registered premises receiving general inspection during the year	3	40	-	7	-
No. of exemptions	-	-	-	-	-
No. of employees at registered premises	77	128	3	63	4

Total No. of visits of all kinds to registered premises 117

Analysis of Contraventions

Section	No. of Contraventions found		Section	No. of Contraventions found	
4	Cleanliness	6	12	Clothing accommodation	6
5	Overcrowding	-	13	Sitting facilities	2
6	Temperature	40	14	Seats (sedentary workers)	-
7	Ventilation	2	15	Eating facilities	2
8	Lighting	13	16	Floors, passage & stairs	23
9	Sanitary conveniences	28	17	Fencing exposed parts of machinery	6
9	Insufficient sanitary conveniences	2	18	Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery	-
10	Insufficient washing facilities	19	23	Prohibition of heavy work	-
11	Supply of drinking water	3	24	First Aid general provisions	35

HOUSING

Number of new dwellings erected during the year

By the Local Authority..... Nil
By other bodies or persons..... 58

Total number of dwellings owned by the Local Authority 386

INSPECTIONS of dwelling houses

1. (a) Total number of dwellings inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)....23

(b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose.....96

(c) Number of dwellings in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation, but capable of being rendered fit..... 4

2. Total number of dwellings existing at the end of the year, occupied or not, which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit, and in respect of which:-

(a) Demolition Orders have been made (at any time)..... 4

(b) Demolition or Closing Orders have not yet been made..... -

Houses Demolished

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year	
		persons	families
In Clearance Areas			
1. Houses unfit for human habitation	Nil	Nil	Nil
2. Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc.	Nil	Nil	Nil
3. Houses on land acquired under S.43(2) Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil
Not in Clearance Areas			
4. As a result of formal or informal procedure under S.16 or S.17(1), Housing Act 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil
5. Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	Nil	Nil	Nil
6. Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	Nil	Nil	Nil

Unfit Houses Closed

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year	
		persons	families
1. Under S.16(4), S.17(1) and S.35(1) Housing Act, 1957, and S.26 Housing Act, 1961	1	-	-
2. Under S.17(3) and S.26 Housing Act,1957	-	-	-
3. Parts of buildings closed under S.18 Housing Act,1957	-	-	-

Unfit Houses Made Fit

1. By owner after informal action by Local Authority.....4
2. After informal notice under S.9 and S.16. Housing Act,1957:-
   (a) by owner..... -
   (b) by Local Authority..... -
3. After formal notice under Public Health Acts..... 2
4. After modification or revocation of a clearance order under S.24. Housing Act, 1957..... -
5. After determination of a demolition order under S.24.Housing Act,1957..... -
6. After determination of a clearance order under S.27.Housing Act, 1961..... -

Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957)

	(1) No. of Houses	(2) No.of Separate Dwellings in (1)
Retained for temporary accomodation:-		
(a) Under Section 48	-	-
(b) Under Section 17 (2)	-	-
(c) Under Section 46	-	-
(d) Licenced for temporary occupation under Section 34 or Section 53	-	-

Purchase of Houses by Agreement

	No.of Houses	No.of Occupants
Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed orders	-	-

IMPROVEMENTS GRANTS

Discretionary Grants

	Owner/Occupiers	Tenanted
(a) Number of applications received	-	-
(b) Number of applications approved	-	-
(c) Number of applications refused	-	-
(d) Number of dwellings improved	-	-
(e) Works completed	-	-
(f) Amount paid in Grants	Nil	

Standard Grants

	Owner/Occupiers	Tenanted
(a) Number of applications received	5	2
(b) Number of applications approved	4	1
(c) Number of applications refused	-	-
(d) Number of dwellings improved	4	1
(e) Works completed	2	1
(f) Amount paid in Grants	£ 888. 1. 10.	

Amenities provided

1. Fixed bath... 4
2. Shower ... ... -
3. Wash hand basin... 4
4. Hot water supply 3
5. Water Closet:
   - i within dwelling ... 6
   - ii accessible from dwelling -
6. Food store 3

RENT ACT 1957

Certificates of Disrepair

Number of application made ..... Nil

Number of certificates issued ..... Nil

Applications made for the cancellation of certificates ..... Nil

Number of undertakings given to carry out work ..... Nil

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPEMENT ACT 1960

	Residential	Holiday
(a) No. of sites used for camping	-	4
(b) No. of vans permanently occupied	-	-
(c) No. of Site Licences issued under the Caravan Sites and Control of Developement Act, 1960	-	4
(d) No. of vans concerned in (c) above	-	Site (1) 158 Site (2) 30 Site (3) 23 211

During the year, certain farms in the area were using land for the purpose of stationing caravans outside those periods permitted for Site Licence exemption. In the cases concerned, the Department brought the matter to the attention of the land owners, and the appropriate action of caravan removal was taken.

COUNCIL HOUSES

Lettings

During 1969, the following allocations were made by the Housing Sub-Committee.

Houses	7
Flats	1
Bungalows	2
Flatlets	-

The Committee also agreed to established tenants transferring to other Council premises in two cases.

Register of Applications

33 new applications were made for housing during 1969. At 31st. December, 1969. the total number of applications made for Council accommodation was as follows:-

3 bedroomed houses.....	9 applications
2 bedroomed houses & G.Floor Flats	25 applications
4 bedroomed houses.....	3 applications
Flats.....	51 applications
Flatlets.....	62 applications
Bungalows.....	4 applications

Breach of tenancy conditions.

During the year, the Department inspected Council House gardens, and letters were sent to a number of tenants regarding general untidiness of gardens. There were certain cases of neglect after the sending of these letters, and the Department notified the offenders that action would be taken at a later date. Assistance was given in cases where tenants were incapacitated.

RODENT AND INSECT/PEST CONTROL

The following table shows the number of visits made by this Department, regarding the control of insects/ pests.

	Type of Property			
	Non-Agricultural			Agricultural
	Business Premises	Dwelling Houses	Local Authority Property/Land	
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	91	176	71	38
Number infested by:-				
(i) Rats	33	39	24	13
(ii) Mice	35	74	2	1
(iii) Insects	18	52	29	3
Total number of revisits	146	194	107	48
Miscellaneous	91	147	83	25

Summary

Total number of complaints received..... 376
Total number of infestations discovered..... 323
Total number of revisits..... 495
Total number successfully treated..... 323

The work of insect control, dealt with complaints regarding plaster beetles, woodworm, wasps' nests, clover mite, and the usual domestic insects, the Department also gave advice and assistance regarding the control of rabbits, moles and other unusual pests.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

It was not found necessary for the service of any notices under this Act, and on one occasion only was it informally requested that a nuisance be abated, and this was sufficient to secure the co-operation of the person concerned.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of Food Premises in the District at the end of the year

Butchers	16
Confectioners	8
Fried Fish Shops	5
Grocers	33
Greengrocers and Fruiterers (including those selling wet fish and game etc.)	7
Fishmongers (including those selling poultry and game etc.)	4
Licensed premises, cafes, clubs, off licenses	14
Shops selling sugar confectionary, ice-cream, minerals etc.	11
Total	98

Number of Food Premises Registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Type of Business	No. Registered at 31/12/69	No. Registered during 1969
Manufacturers of preserved food etc.	10	1
Premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream	1	-
Premises registered for the sale of ice-cream	31	-
Premises in area registered for hawkers of food	16	1

ICE CREAM

During the year there were no samples of ice cream taken.

Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963.

No. of egg pasteuration plants in the district at the end of 1969.....Nil

No. of samples of liquid egg submitted for the Alpha-Amylase test.....Nil

Sampling

The Food and Drugs Authority for the Poulton-le-Fylde area is the Lancashire County Council, and the following information has been kindly supplied by Dr. S.C. Gawne, the County Medical Officer of Health.

A total of 58 samples was obtained comprising 26 milks (3 of which were Channel Islands milk) and 32 others as follows:-

1	Brazil Nuts	1	Cornflour
1	Cashew Nuts	1	Sage & Onion Stuffing
1	Medium Fat Soft Cheese	1	Sterilized Cream
1	Drinking Chocolate	1	Cheese Spread
1	Tonic Water	1	Apple Squash, low calorie
1	Salted Cashew Nuts	1	Double Cream
2	Pork Sausages	1	Plum Pudding
1	Salted Peanuts	1	Marzipan
1	Almonds	1	Cochineal
1	Yoghourt	1	Cut Mixed Peel
1	Ice Cream	2	Ground Almonds
3	Sweets	1	Christmas Pudding
1	Brown Loaf	2	Mincemeat
1	Jam		

Sample	Result of Analysis	Action Taken
Pork Sausages	Contained 3 screwed up pieces of waxed paper repeatedly overprinted with the word 'Tunes', probably derived from a single sweet wrapping, together weighing 0.16 gramme.	Manufacturer cautioned.
Informal milk	Contained a total weight of 1.097 grammes of fragmented broken glass.	Prosecution- Fined £25 Costs £9.
Informal milk	Contained a piece of glass.	No action taken (see above)
Brown Loaf	Contained a piece of woven cloth approximately 50 x 28 millimetres and weighing 0.236 gramme	Prosecution Fined £15 Costs £10.7s.0d

MILK SUPPLY

There were 30 distributors of milk registered by the Council at the end of 1969, they operated from the following premises.

Distributors in district (including shops) 29
Producer retailers in district..... 1

MILK SAMPLES

The number of milk samples taken during the year were as follows:-

	Type of milk		
	Untreated	Pasteurised	Sterilised
No.of samples	1	1	1
No.satisfactory	1	-	1
No.unsatisfactory	-	1	-
No.void	-	-	-

Type	No.of samples submitted	No.satisfactory	No.unsatisfactory
Untreated Milk			
Methylene Blue Test	1	1	-
Heat Treated Milk			
Methylene Blue Test	2	1	1
Phosphatase Test	2	2	-
Turbidity Test	2	2	-

Samples submitted for Bacteriological Examination etc.

	No.of samples submitted	No.positive	No.negative
Tuberculosis	4	-	2
Brucellosis - Ring Test	4	-	2
Brucellosis - Culture Test	-	-	-
Brucellosis - Biological Test	4	-	4

Where samples of milk fail to pass the statutory tests, the matter is taken up with the producer or dairy, and repeat samples are obtained.

In the event of the producer being in another district, the result is passed on to the Public Health Officer for that area, or the Milk Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture,Fisheries and Food, who are able to sample at the source.

FOOD INSPECTION

Food surrendered by retail shops as unfit, for reasons of decomposition, mould growth, blown, pierced or leaking tins etc., was collected by the Department for disposal, and subsequently taken to the Council's tip, and buried beneath domestic refuse. The following list shows the amount and weight.

Packets	Tins & Cartons	Articles	lbs.	ozs.
	33	Peaches	44	6
	11	Pears	13	4½
	16	Pineapple	15	12½
	24	Grapefruit	25	12
	11	Apricots	15	13
	3	Mandarin Oranges	2	1
	3	Fruit Cocktail	2	7
	6	Rice Pudding	8	5½
	1	Orange Juice	1	0
	13	Evaporated Milk	6	15
	14	Tomatoes	8	4
	15	Mixed Vegetables	7	14
	81	Garden Peas	62	4
	4	Carrots	2	1
	7	Runner Beans	4	2
	7	Baked Beans	5	0
	1	Mustard	-	2
	3	Salmon	1	6½
	2	Crab	-	13
	15	Soups	14	2½
	2	Ham	1	11
	1	Tongue	6	0
	37	Luncheon	17	12
	3	Steak	2	13½
	4	Chicken Fillets	-	12
	3	French Beans	1	14
	13	Processed Peas	9	8
	1	Strawberries	-	12
	9	Cherries	6	9
	1	Butter Beans	1	0
	3	New Potatoes	2	7
	1	Chicken Breast		3¾
	13	Pilchards	8	3½
	5	Cream	1	8
	3	Fruit Salad	2	6½
	1	Prunes	1.	0
	1	Steak & Kidney Pudding	-	6
		Carried Forward	306	11¾

FOOD INSPECTION contd:

Packets	Tins & Cartons		Articles	lbs.	oza.
			Brought forward	306	11¾
	2		Roast Beef	1	9
	4		Shepherds Pie	2	4
	1		Broad Beans		10
	1		Milk Powder		7
	1		Macaroni	1	0
	1		Grape fruit Juice	1	3
	1		Blackcurrant Pie Filling	-	14½
	1		Casserole Meat	1	0
	2		Corned Beef	6	7
	3		Shandy	1	12½
	4		Rhubarb	4	12
	3		Ginger Beer	2	1
	1		Suet Pudding		10½
	1		Horlicks		4
	5		Green Beans	5	0
	1		Minced	-	15
	1		Jam	1	0
	2		Marrowfat Peas	2	0
7			Cereal	4	6
1			Cornflour		8
		3	Strawberry Mousse	1	14
		2	Cream	-	10
		9	Yorkshire Pudding	1	11
		6	Vol-au-vent	2	12
				352	6¼

MEAT INSPECTION

Two private slaughterhouses were in use during the year. It was necessary, during 1969, to carry out meat inspection duties in the evenings, on Saturdays and on Sundays.

The number of animals inspected from the date of decontrol is shown below.

Year	No. of animals killed and inspected
1954	1,693
1955	3,154
1956	6,482
1957	6,857
1958	7,039
1959	7,462
1960	8,509
1961	10,292
1962	10,164
1963	8,136
1964	8,038
1965	8,272
1966	11,177
1967	12,836
1968	12,845
1969	10,761

Under the Meat Inspection Regulations of 1963, the Council, empowered to make a charge for the meat inspection service, received the sum of £442.17.7d. during the year of 1969.

Carcases Inspected

Month	Total	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Calves
Total No. of animals killed and inspected	10,761	437	63	6,820	2,790	651
January	1,131	45	14	801	188	83
February	957	37	7	641	184	88
March	799	38	7	461	221	72
April	731	31	8	437	196	59
May	794	46	9	473	220	46
June	883	42	6	594	197	44
July & August	1,264	38	11	886	272	57
September	1,243	47	1	832	306	57
October	1,068	43	-	667	307	51
November	905	37	-	533	283	52
December	986	33	-	495	416	42

Carcases Condemned

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Calves	Total
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci Whole carcases condemned	1	1	6	10	7	25
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	90	1	180	126	10	407
% of No. inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticerci	20.8	3.2	2.7	4.9	2.6	4.01
Tuberculosis Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	6	-	6
% of No inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	1	-	-	-	1
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	1	-	-	-	1

No. of slaughterhouse visits..... 670
No. of animals slaughtered
and inspected.....10,761
Weight of meat rejected as unfit.....2 tons 6 cwts. 1 qr. 8 lbs.

At 31st. December, 1969, 5 licenses had been issued by the Council enabling their holders to slaughter animals.

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